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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants are currently obtaining a copy of the reference: Manuguerra, J.C. and C. Hannoun. "Influenza and other Viral Respiratory Diseases, surveillance and laboratory diagnosis," Edited by the Institut Pasteur. ISBN 2-901320-28-7 (1999) and will forward a copy to the Office upon receipt.

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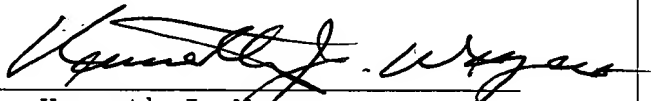
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